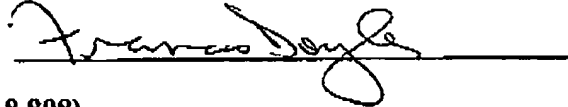


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed concurrently herewith and in response to the final Office Action dated July 22, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: